

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY FOR)	INTERVENTION
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR)	
NATURAL GAS SERVICE)	NG01-010

On September 24, 2001, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to increase natural gas rates in South Dakota. The application seeks an overall increase in rates in the approximate amount of \$3,697,000 or approximately 5.6%. The Company requested a change in rates to become effective for billings on and after October 27, 2001. On November 29, 2001, the State of South Dakota (State) filed a late Petition for Leave to Intervene in this docket.

At its regularly scheduled December 12, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered the late Petition for Leave to Intervene. The Commission finds that pursuant to its authority under SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and .03, the petition of State demonstrates good cause for granting intervention and that denial of the late petition would be detrimental to the public interest or would likely result in a miscarriage of justice. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 and .03. It is therefore

ORDERED, that State shall be granted intervention and shall be considered a party in this matter.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of December, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner